that exchange.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Radial distances of village Gajrajbigha are as under:—

Gajrajbigha—Dumarawan : 3 kms approx.
Gajrajbigha—Nalanda : 6 kms approx.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (c) & (d) above.

Telephone Connections in Mirchaiganj in Nalanda

2572. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the villages particularly those on the nothern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mirchaiganj also comes under Nalanda Exchange;

(c) the total number of telephone connections in Mirchaiganj; and

(d) the actual distance of the above village from Nalanda?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The names of villages on the Northern side which come under the local area of Nalanda Telephone Exchange are Sarichak, Mohanpur, Begampur, Nirmal Bigha, Nathulichak and Kapelsari.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Only one.

(d) The actual distance of Mirchaiganj from Nalanda telephone Exchange is 6.4 kms.

Cost of laying Telephone Line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha.

2573. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) the total estimated cost of laying telephone line from Dumarawan to Gajrajbigha;

(b) whether it is a fact that safety of telephone line or the route is at greater risk of being broken/stolen since the entire stretch is uninhabited and remain deserted for major part of the year;

(c) if so, the justification of putting the above village under Dumarawan Telephone Exchange which is otherwise off the route whereas Nalanda Exchange is enroute;

(d) whether it is also a fact that satisfactory incoming and outgoing calls services cannot be had from Dumarawan Exchange as it does not have STD facility; and

(e) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The total estimated cost of overhead alignment with single pair of ironwire is Rs. 70,000. and the cost of 20 pair 6.5 PIJF underground cable is about Rs. 2,20,000.

(b) Overhead lines and underground cables are occasionally interrupted due to theft and other man made reasons.

(c) Gajrajbigha village falls under the local area of Dumarawan telephone exchange as the distance between Dumarawan and Gajrajbigha is 3 kms only.

(d) No, Sir. Dumarawan exchange has STD facility.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Capacity of Dumarawan Telephone Exchange

2574. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Dumarawan Telephone Exchange was set up;

(b) the total installed capacity thereof;

(c) the number of subscribers under the said Exchange as on date, village-wise;

(d) whether there is any waiting list or regisrants under the exchange; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when they would be provided with telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) An electronic telephone exchange of 56 lines capacity was set up on 23.3.94 in Dumarawan.

(c) The number of subscribers in each village of Dumarawan telephone exchange is as below:

Name of village	Working Line
Dumarawan	13
Lalbagh	7
Golapar	1
Total	21

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The village-wise waiting list is as below:

Name of village	Waiting List
Lakhrama	4
Barara	1
Gazrajbigha	1
Maghara	1
Dun	1
Kewai	1

The above waiting list is likely to be cleared by 31.3.97.

Modernisation of Telegraph Services in Rajasthan and Orissa

2575. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the modernisation of telegraph services in Rajasthan and Orissa so far;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof;

(c) the budgetary allocations made during the current financial year as compared to the last year; and

(d) government's plans in this regard during the Ninth Plan Period, State-wise including funds earmarked for the same?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telegraph services have been modernised by induction of micro-processor based Technology involving equipments like Store and Forward Message Switching Systems (SFMSS), Formatted Terminal Concentrators (FTC), Electronic Key Board Concentrators (EKBC),

District-wise details are given in Statement I. for Rajasthan and Statement-II for Orissa (*See* below).

(c) No separate Budgetary allocations are made for the modernisation of telegraph services.

(d) The macro level plan for the telegraph services regarding 9th Plan Period have been drawn up alongwith the requirement of funds. However, the State level plans have not yet been drawn up so far.